

**United States Department of Agriculture**  
**Agricultural Marketing Service**  
Commodity Procurement Staff  
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 3522-S, STOP 0239  
Washington, DC 20250-0239

#### Information

Description: **AG-FFRV-S-15-0058**  
Bid invitation number: **2000003206**  
Purchasing Group: **AMS-Fruit and Veg**

## SOLICITATION

### Master/Shortfall Invitation

#### Bid invitation Overview

Bid Timezone: Central Time  
Start Date: 02/27/2015 07:50:00  
Offer Due Date : 03/16/2015 13:00:00

Opening date: 03/16/2015 13:00:00

Invitation Type : Master

#### Additional requested information:

#### Tendering text - Header :

FROZEN BROCCOLI, SOLICITATION NO: 2000003206

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell Frozen Broccoli pursuant to the attached solicitation document for use in the National School Lunch Program and other Federal Food and Nutrition Assistance Programs. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, April 1, 2015. Deliveries are to be made between September 1, 2015, and January 31, 2016.

A conference call will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 2:00 pm eastern time. To participate in the conference call dial 1-888-844-9904, the participant passcode is 1693356#.

Offerors who intend to use more than one processing plant and shipping point for contracts awarded under this solicitation, other than the processing plant and shipping point entered in their bids, may submit a list of their approved processing plants and shipping points on a separate sheet of paper to be uploaded in WBSCM, and to be submitted with their bids.

Purchases will be made on an f.o.b. destination basis in accordance with the attached solicitation document. Destination quantities listed are estimates and subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient needs, market conditions, and program operations.

All prime vendors are reminded that they are prohibited from subcontracting with companies or individuals that have been suspended or debarred.

Offers must be submitted electronically via the Web-Based Supply Chain Management System (WBSCM). Offers submitted by any means other than WBSCM will be deemed nonresponsive. Offerors must be active in WBSCM and have the required bidder roles in order to submit offers under this solicitation. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A "HELP" button provides detailed instructions or call (202) 720-4517 for assistance.

Offerors are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver. Inquiries about the solicitation document; Commodity Specification for Frozen Vegetables dated June 2014, should be directed to the Contracting Officer; USDA, AMS, Room 3522-South; 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.; Washington, D.C. 20250-0239. Telephone: (202) 720-4517. FAX: (202)720-2782.

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"The USDA prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department. (Not all prohibited bases will apply to all programs

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and/or employment activities.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (866) 632-9992 (Toll-free Customer Service), (800)877-8339 (Local or Federal relay), (866) 377-8642 (Relay voice users)."

**See attached documents:**

- 1 . Frozen Vegetables Spec June 2014
- 2 . Master Solicitation Apr 2014
- 3 . Broccoli IFB Document
- 4 . Schedule B Data Input File
- 5 . Exhibit 1 - Broccoli Historical Data

**Attributes :**

IS THE OFFEROR AN ENTITY THAT HAS FILED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN ONE OF THE FIFTY STATES, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR THE VARIOUS TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES? YOU MUST ANSWER THE NEXT 3 QUESTIONS IF THE ANSWER FOR THIS QUESTION IS YES.  
 HAS THE OFFEROR BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

HAS THE OFFEROR HAD ANY OFFICER OR AGENT OF OFFEROR CONVICTED OF A FELONY CRIMINAL VIOLATION FOR ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF OFFEROR UNDER FEDERAL OR STATE LAW IN THE 24 MONTHS PRECEDING THE DATE OF OFFER?

DOES THE OFFEROR HAVE ANY UNPAID FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY ASSESSED, WHICH ALL JUDICIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED/LAPSED, THAT IS NOT BEING PAID IN A TIMELY MANNER PURSUANT TO AGREEMENT WITH THE AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLECTING IT?

OFFEROR REQUESTS HUBZONE SMALL BUSINESS PRICE EVALUATION PREFERENCE. APPLIES ONLY TO FIRMS CERTIFIED IN THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'S HUBZONE PROGRAM (FAR SUBPART 19.13).MUST BE THE MANUFACTURER/PRODUCER OF THE PRODUCT TO RECEIVE A PRICE PREFERENCE

Timely performance: Offeror and any subcontractor have completed required performance of any USDA contract prior to this bid opening.

- Permitted values:
- Have been delivered
  - Have not been delivered
  - Have not been delivered, but the Offeror has notified the Contracting Officer
  - There are no existing contracts/purchase orders

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OFFEROR CERTIFIES THAT THE OFFER IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE MASTER SOLICITATION;  
 COMMODITY SUPPLEMENT AND/OR SPECIFICATION(S); THIS SOLICITATION; THE AGRICULTURE  
 ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (AGAR) AND THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS (FAR).

FOR 8(A) VENDORS ONLY: Please specify the material(s) and material number(s) that you are interested in  
 participating on this solicitation.

Offeror acknowledges receipt of the amendment(s) to the solicitation. Select N/A if no amendment was  
 issued to the solicitation.

Permitted values:        - Yes  
                                      - No  
                                      - N/A

**Bid invitation Item details**

Bid Invitation Item Details				
	Item Material	Description	Quantity	
10 VEGETABLE, FROZEN				
	20	110473	BROCCOLI FRZ CTN-30 LB	54,432 CS
		Total Quantity for BROCCOLI FRZ CTN-30 LB		54,432 CS
		Total Quantity for Invitation		54,432 CS



Contracting officer

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